

Testimony on S.B. No. 837 AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF PERFLUOROALKYL OR POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES IN CLASS B FIREFIGHTING FOAM.

Dear Honored Co-Chairs Cohen and Borer, Vice Chairs Derek and Joseph, and Distinguished Members of the Environment Committee:

**I urge your support of SB 837**, a bill intended to prohibit the use of PFAS in firefighting foams and develop a take-back program for such products.

Contamination of water sources all over the country by per and polyfluorinated chemicals is a huge public health and environmental crisis. I was alarmed to read reports of PFAS found in Greenwich wells (<https://greenwichfreepress.com/news/real-estate/residents-ask-tough-questions-on-pfas-contamination-of-well-water-106356/> ). This is only the beginning. According to the Environmental Working Group, at least 40 states have contaminated water sources from PFAS chemicals. <https://www.ewg.org/research/update-mapping-expanding-pfas-crisis>.

Significant sources of PFAS chemicals are in firefighting foam. These chemicals are persistent, don't break down in the environment and are linked to kidney, testicular and liver cancers, reproductive disorders, infertility, low birth weights, thyroid disruption and resistance to vaccines in children.

We must be proactive to stop additional contamination as other states have done or are in the process of doing. I urge you to immediately ban on use of PFAS in training.

I fully support a bill to restrict firefighting foam containing PFAS chemicals and the development of a take-back program for such products.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,

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